

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 453 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 453. Order of admittance. Feeble-minded persons shall be admitted to the institution in the following order: 1st, feeble-minded persons who are now in public institutions supported entirely at public expense; 2nd, feeble-minded persons in public institutions not supported as aforesaid; 3rd, feeble-minded persons who are not in any institution of the state, who have no parents, kinsmen, or guardian able to provide for them, or who are committed by a judge of probate; 4th, those residing within the state whose parents, kinsmen, or guardian bound by law to support such persons are able to pay; 5th, persons of other states whose parents, kinsmen, or guardian are willing to pay. The order of admittance of feeble-minded persons to the institution shall be determined by the department.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 12, 1937.

Chapter 154

AN ACT Relating to Hunting of Raccoons.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 38, § 72, amended. Paragraph (d) of section 72 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'(d) Provided that it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt skunks and raccoons at night, except that they may be hunted at night from October 15th to December 15th of each year under the following provisions: when accompanied by a dog and with the use of a kerosene light only; provided however, that an electric flash light of not more than 2 cells not greater in size than number 950 may be used in addition to a kerosene light while locating in and taking from a tree any raccoon treed by a dog; pro-

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vided further, it shall be unlawful to use or have in possession any firearms except a 22 caliber pistol while hunting as provided in this paragraph and not more than 2 raccoons shall be taken by any 1 party in any 1 night.'

Approved April 15, 1937.

Chapter 155

AN ACT Relating to Enforcement of Divorce Decrees.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 73, amended. Chapter 73 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after section 9, the following section, to be numbered 9-A:

'Sec. 9-A. Payment of alimony. Pending a petition to enforce a decree of alimony or a decree for payment of money instead thereof, the court may order the husband to pay to the clerk of the court, for the wife, sufficient money for the prosecution thereof, upon default of which order execution may issue as in actions of tort. When the husband is committed to jail on execution issued upon decree of alimony or for payment of money instead thereof, the county having jurisdiction of the process shall bear the expense of his support.'

Approved April 15, 1937.

Chapter 156

AN ACT Relating to a State Geologist.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 49, § 53, amended. Section 53 of chapter 49 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 250 of the public laws of 1931, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 53. Compensation; expenses. The state geologist shall be paid ~~ten dollars per day and expenses while actively engaged in the performance of his duties~~ receive an annual salary of \$1000 for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1938 and June 30, 1939 and such expenses as may be approved by the governor and council. He may employ assistants, purchase material and publish documents for which the state shall pay out of funds provided for the department.'

Approved April 15, 1937.